

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract
Priority Mail Contract 40

Docket No. MC2012-38

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 40 (MC2012-38)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2012-46

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

(August 17, 2012)

I. BACKGROUND

In response to Order No. 1425,¹ the Public Representative hereby comments on the August 8, 2012 United States Postal Service Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 40 to the Competitive Product List.

The Public Representative observes that the Postal Service's Request comports with the provisions of title 39. The contract appears to be beneficial to the Postal Service, the contract partner and the general public.

II. DISCUSSION

Previous data filed in Annual Compliance Reports regarding Priority Mail contracts indicate that the contracts have provided additional volume and reasonable contribution to the institutional costs of the Postal Service. The instant contract has a similar expected cost coverage as previous Priority Mail contract pieces.

Based on the financial workpapers filed by the Postal Service it is likely that the contract will likely meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C 3633(a) during the first contract

¹ Notice and Order Concerning Addition of Priority Mail Contract 40 to the Competitive Product List (Order No. 1425), August 9, 2012.

year. However, no data have been provided by the Postal Service that demonstrates that the contract will meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633(a) in subsequent years.

The contract contains several terms that adjust the prices in the contract periodically. It appears that the inclusion of these terms will help maintain the contract's ability to meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633(a) over the lifetime of the contract. The Public Representative is also mindful that Postal Service will file cost, revenue, and volume data in each year's Annual Compliance Report that will aid the Commission in ensuring the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633(a) continue to be met.

III. CONCLUSION

The Public Representative, after accessing and reviewing all materials the United States Postal Service submitted under seal in this matter, acknowledges that the pricing in the present Priority Mail Contract 40 appears to comport with relevant provisions of title 39. This contract contains provisions favorable to both the Postal Service and the public.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the preceding Comments for the Commission's consideration.

Natalie R. Ward
Public Representative for
Docket Nos. MC2012-38 & CP2012-46

901 New York Ave., NW Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001
(202) 789-6864;
natalie.ward@prc.gov